

The Commission on VASAP

Holiday Season

2022

The approaching holiday season brings on joy, excitement and numerous celebrations. Sometimes these celebrations result in increased alcohol consumption. Drinking and driving can be deadly. The 2021 Virginia Traffic Crash Facts reports that in calendar year 2021 there were 247 alcohol related fatalities, 6,749 alcohol- related crashes, and 4,224 alcohol related injuries. These statistics represent people with families and friends whose lives have been impacted forever.

It is our hope that you enjoy a wonderful holiday season. To ensure this, please plan accordingly. Consider drinking non-alcoholic beverages. If you intend to use alcoholic beverages, resolve now not to be the next statistic. Make provisions for a safe ride home. Do not ride with an impaired driver or allow impaired persons to drive.

Alcohol-related crashes are not accidents. They occur because of poor judgment. If we all work together, we can ensure that this holiday period is one of joy and thanksgiving. Celebrate responsibly and think before you drink.

Happy Holidays!

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